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Bromm's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: AM1292 is agreed to. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Next amendment is offered by Senator Chris Peterson but, Senator, I have a note you wish to withdraw this one.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment offered by Senator Chris Peterson and Senator Bromm. It is found in the Journal on page 1504. (AM1305.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chris Peterson, you are recognized to open on AM1305.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. AM1305 is LB 302 which was introduced into the Transportation Committee, and while I can tell you that the amendment itself is simple, it is not dealing with a simple issue. It is dealing with a complex issue and it is dealing, obviously, with an issue that has a lot of differing opinions on it as well as differing attitudes about how the problem should be handled or if there even is a problem. LB(sic)1305 establishes a temporary commission to examine the motor vehicle laws in Nebraska, suggest changes to such laws. When I was first elected as senator, and every year since then, I have had people come to me with questions about unlicensed, uninsured, unregistered motorists, and over the past year in the Transportation Committee, we had a variety of bills that dealt with that issue. I have actually a stack of letters from people all over the state that have questions about how the laws are written, how they're being enforced, the problems that they've had, actual circumstances that have happened to them where they found themselves in a situation and their fee...they feel somewhat victimized. And it's not just a Hall County issue. From the letters that I've gotten, it is a statewide issue. Of all the bills that came out of the Transportation Committee that dealt with this issue, obviously, it was, as I said, it's a complex issue. It has controversy when you look at how the interpretations are on the local issues, and the funding issues,